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Esav's Masterclass

by Rabbi Dani Locker

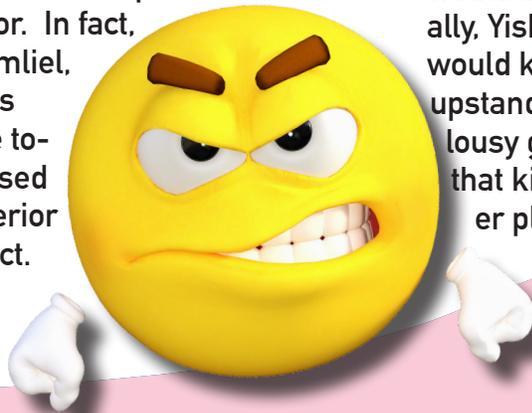
DVAR TORAH

I've got a quick quiz for you.

The proper way to honor your parents is to:
(please check all that apply)

- ☐ Bring them food and drink
- ☐ Massage their feet
- ☐ Sing Ma Nishtana really loudly at the seder, even though you're 34.
- ☐ Plot their murder

Esav was an unusual person. We know all about his violent tendencies, his hatred of his brother, his terrible taste in cologne, and his hostile domination of the nation of Seir. If you didn't know about all that, well, now ya do. You might also know about Esav's unusual dedication to his father, and his remarkable accomplishments in the realm of parental honor. In fact, Rabbi Shimon ben Gamliel, who was known for his own awesome service toward his parents, praised Esav as being far superior to himself in this aspect. He was the King of Kibbud. The Sultan of Service.



The Regent of Respect. The Emperor of Esteem. The Caliph of Courtesy. The Duke of Deference. The Sovereign of Subservience. The Oligarch of Obeisance. The Viscount of Veneration. Yes indeed, Esav excelled at caring for his parents, and his father in particular. Which makes it so much harder to understand why and how Esav could ever consider an assassination attempt on his father, yet that's exactly what the Midrash says he was planning.

What???

IKR? That was my reaction, too. Let me tell you what the Midrash says. Esav was really, really upset about Yaakov stealing his blessings that he decided he would stop at nothing to get revenge. He then decided to marry Yishmael's daughter. With Yishmael having another connection to Yitzchak (and by extension, Avraham's inheritance), he would likely begin to feud with Yitzchak. Eventually, Yishmael would kill Yitzchak, and then Esav would kill Yaakov and inherit both families. Fine upstanding citizen, right? Forget that- he was a lousy guy, OK. We've established that. The thing that kinda shocks me is that Esav would consider plotting to have his father killed, despite

Esav's famous

Would you consider sponsoring an episode? I'd tell you about all the blessings & rewards you'll get, but then you might lose out on some of the merit!

awesomeness in caring for his father! I'm not sure what emotion would push Esav over the edge. Perhaps it was anger at Yaakov, or a thirst for revenge. Maybe it was simple greed, wanting more and more. It could have been his ego, not willing to accept that he had been outwitted. Whatever it was, Esav's emotions caused him to make a choice that would result in his father's death. Wicked people are ruled by their emotions. Righteous people rule over their emotions. Even though Esav was normally so dedicated to ensuring his father's happiness and comfort, that was just when his brain was working. When people get emotionally

Righteous people rule over their emotions

worked up, the brain simply shuts off. Have you ever been so angry or emotional that you've done things that would hurt yourself or others you care about? It's pretty common for people to act upon rage and do things that they would never do if they would only think. It helps if we stop ourselves and try to THINK, "Why am I doing this?" It also helps to remember the old musicians' slogan, "Violins never solved anything (which is, of course, why string players stay away from puzzles)."

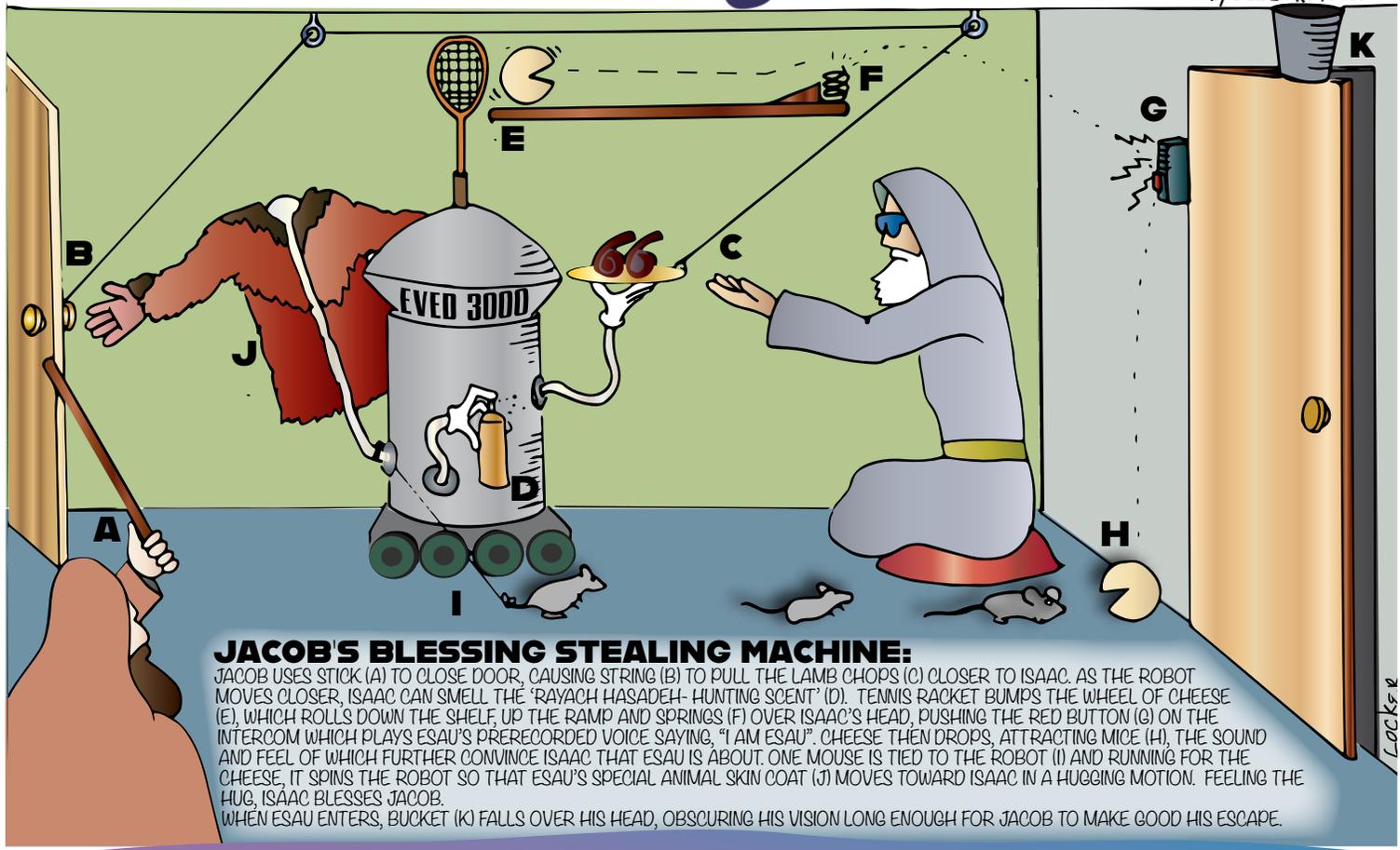
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PICKLE JEWS

GALACTICALLY SYNDICATED COMIC STRIP

by Dani Locker, 2022



JACOB'S BLESSING STEALING MACHINE: JACOB USES STICK (A) TO CLOSE DOOR, CAUSING STRING (B) TO PULL THE LAMB CHOPS (C) CLOSER TO ISAAC. AS THE ROBOT MOVES CLOSER, ISAAC CAN SMELL THE 'RAYACH HASADEH- HUNTING SCENT' (D). TENNIS RACKET BUMPS THE WHEEL OF CHEESE (E), WHICH ROLLS DOWN THE SHELF, UP THE RAMP AND SPRINGS (F) OVER ISAAC'S HEAD, PUSHING THE RED BUTTON (G) ON THE INTERCOM WHICH PLAYS ESAU'S PRERECORDED VOICE SAYING, "I AM ESAU". CHEESE THEN DROPS, ATTRACTING MICE (H), THE SOUND AND FEEL OF WHICH FURTHER CONVINCE ISAAC THAT ESAU IS ABOUT. ONE MOUSE IS TIED TO THE ROBOT (I) AND RUNNING FOR THE CHEESE, IT SPINS THE ROBOT SO THAT ESAU'S SPECIAL ANIMAL SKIN COAT (J) MOVES TOWARD ISAAC IN A HUGGING MOTION. FEELING THE HUG, ISAAC BLESSES JACOB. WHEN ESAU ENTERS, BUCKET (K) FALLS OVER HIS HEAD, OBSCURING HIS VISION LONG ENOUGH FOR JACOB TO MAKE GOOD HIS ESCAPE.

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STUMP THE RABBI

Stump the Rabbi is a forum where kids can ask ANY Jewish question.

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(Most) questions here are real. Names and some wording have been changed.

Note & Disclaimer: We call this 'Stump The Rabbi' for fun, but that's not really the point. The goal is to learn something important in an interesting way. The answers here should not be taken as halachic decisions. You should always ask a competent Rabbi personally.

Dear Rabbi,

#221

SOMETHING MISHY

Something is fishy. I know that kosher rules don't allow dairy stuff to be eaten with meat (and that you've NEVER had steak with butter- that's wild!). I recently heard that we don't eat meat together with fish either, which I find hard to understand. Fish isn't dairy. It's closer to meat. So what is the problem?

Thanks,
Javier Caviar

Dear Javier,

Hey, long time no sea. You should watch out. Some people have accused me of making terrible fish jokes. To be honest, I'm gill-ty. The Talmud says that it's unhealthy to eat fish and meat together. So what? One of the most important commandments is protecting our lives. It therefore follows that anything that can be dangerous or produce illness is 'not kosher.' By the same logic, there are definitely some other junk food items that probably shouldn't be eaten. The difference is that since the negative effects of MISH (meat and fish) were known in Talmudic times, and so the rules was codified (get it, CODified?) as law. On the other hand, the result of mixing Coca Cola and Pop Rocks wasn't known to the sages of the Talmud (there was a noticeable dearth of Pop Rocks in Babylonia).

So yes, part of the laws of keeping kosher include not eating fish together with meat or poultry, which means that even if by some strange accident of birth you know how to pronounce

worcestershire sauce, it doesn't go on steak or in cholent. It's generally accepted that at a kosher meal, if there's a fish dish, separate plates and utensils are used (so don't use your sushi chopsticks to eat your chicken soup), and there should be something to eat and to drink in between the fish and the meat. Because it's considered a safety issue, we're extra careful, and even a tiny bit should not mix.

One question that many people have is that you probably won't find any medical experts to tell you that MISH is bad for you. I mean, you can find doctors who will agree to almost anything. Potatoes are good for your spleen. Jogging helps develop inner-ear health. COVID prevents toenail fungus. But I've never heard of a doctor complaining about MISH. Many halachic authorities discuss this. It was believed to be dangerous during Talmudic times, and it's possibly that there was some condition that was prevalent then that no longer applies. So, no, it isn't currently unhealthy to mix your meat and fish, however, once the Rabbinic supreme court decreed to forbid it, that prohibition remains in



LOLZ

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

I AM MENTIONED ONLY ONCE IN THE TORAH, BUT ONLY
AFTER I DIED.
WHO AM I?

NO CHEATING
ANSWER ON PAGE 4

DEEP THOUGHTS

WHY CAN'T CHICKENS EVEN CROSS THE ROAD WITHOUT HAVING THEIR MOTIVES QUESTIONED?

effect. So in short, if you want to keep kosher properly, don't mix meat and fish, yet it's rabbinic in nature, so it's not quite like having a bacon cheese burger. As an aside, there are some communities, particularly among Sephardic Jews, who don't mix milk and fish either. Since that would mean no bagels and lox, we'll just pretend I didn't say that. BTW, do you know how to spot a Cinderella fish? It's the one with the glass flipper!

Have a Nageela Shabbos,

The Rabbi



SENDING RELIEF PACKAGES

Thanks to those who came to help us fill packages for Jewish Ukrainian refugees this past week in Las Vegas, those who donated, and those who brought supplies.

QUICK FIX

JACOB AND ESAU WERE BORN AS DRASTICALLY DIFFERENT PEOPLE. AS YOUNG KIDS WE GET THE IMPRESSION THAT ESAU WAS BORN EVIL. BUT THAT'S NOT TRUE. NOBODY IS BORN EVIL.

ESAU HAD A WILDNESS AND STRENGTH TO HIM THAT COULD HAVE BEEN USED FOR GOOD.

WE ALL HAVE TRAITS WE'RE BORN WITH THAT ARE UNIQUE TO US. THEY DON'T MAKE US GOOD OR BAD,; OUR JOB IS TO USE WHAT WE'VE GOT TO BECOME THE GREATEST VERSION OF OURSELVES.

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ANSWER OF THE WEEK

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THE TORAH MENTIONS HER DEATH AND BURIAL IN VAYISLACH.

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